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Travel of Mr. Robert F. McConnell, Minority Counsel of the House Public Works Committee, to inspect the Inter-American Highway in Central America

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Mr. Robert F. McConnell, Minority Counsel of the House Public Works Committee, will leave Washington on September 8, 1957 to inspect the Inter-American Highway. This trip is being made at the request of the Chairman of this Committee, Representative Charles A. Buckley. A letter addressed by Mr. Bertram D. Tallamy, United States Federal Highway Administrator, to Representative Buckley states that within each country the resident engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads will accompany Mr. McConnell on his inspection tour.

The Embassy is requested to meet Mr. McConnell, arrange necessary transportation and extend appropriate courtesies.

Mr. McConnell's itinerary is as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 8 Leave Washington 6 p.m. via National Airlines flight 701; arrive Miami 8:30 p.m. (PAA to make reservations at Travelers' Hotel, Miami.)

Sept. 9 Leave Miami 9:45 a.m. via PAA flight 505; arrive Guatemala 2:40 p.m.

Sept 10 to Sept 12 In Guatemala 3 days

Septemb 13 Leave Guatemala at 10 a.m. by Bureau of Public Roads automobile and arrive El Salvador border at 2 p.m. (Mr. Perry Leaming will meet at El Salvador border) Arrive San Salvador at 4 p.m.

Sept 14 Drive San Salvador, El Salvador to Tegucigalpa, Honduras (6 to 7 hours)

Sept. 15

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- Sept. 15 Drive Tegucigalpa to Comali Camp (Inspection of Project 56-1 enroute) Mr. Brown will meet at Comali Camp)
- Sept. 16 Leave Comali Camp at 8 a.m. for drive to Managua - arriving about 6 p.m. - Inspection of Inter-American Highway enroute.
- Sept. 17 In and around Nicaragua
- Sept. 18 Leave Managua at 7 a.m. and arrive Costa Rica border at 10:30 a.m. (Mr. M.L. Harshberger will meet), and arrive San Jose, Costa Rica at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19 Fly regular LACSA schedule to Palmar and spend day on Project 4.
- Sept. 20 Fly (Beaver) from Project 4 to San Isidro and drive over Project 7 to San Jose.
- Sept. 21 In and around San Jose, Costa Rica. Leave San Jose at 6:30 p.m. via PAA flight 701 and arrive Panama at 9:45 p.m.
- Sept. 22 Drive Panama to Aguadulce (Inspection of the Inter-American Highway)
- Sept. 23 Drive to Santiago and return to Panama City.
- Sept. 24 In and around Panama City
- Sept. 25 Leave Panama at 3:50 a.m. via PAA flight 700; arrive Miami at 7:45 a.m.; Arrive Washington at 1:00 p.m.

Provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Travel apply. Appoint control officers. Coordinate all arrangements with agents of the Bureau of Public Roads. Inform the Department and onward posts should any changes occur in the above itinerary. The Department has no information at this time as to what reservations are being requested or by whom for Mr. McConnell for hotel accommodations. It is suggested that the Bureau of Public Roads and/or Pan American be checked to ascertain if such are being made. If no arrangements have been handled by them, it is requested that each post make the necessary reservations and confirm them to the Department.

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